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RE: Libby Railyard Biotite Removal, Libby, Montana
EMR Project No. 5539.004
September 3, 2004 Weekly Progress Report

Dear Mr. Christiansen,

Per the Administrative Order on Consent for Removal, the following is the Weekly Progress Report submitted by EMR, Inc. (EMR) on behalf the Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF)-for the Libby Railyard, Montana, Libby Asbestos Site, Libby Montana. In addition to this report, EMR will also be responsible for the required monthly report on this project through the close of this project.

CURRENT WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

BNSF received approval of the Revised Response Action Work Plan for the Libby Railyard in Libby, Montana dated August 2004. Approval was provided in a letter from EPA to BNSF dated 1 September 2004.

Contracted crews mobilized to the site beginning on August 30, 2004. A pre-construction meeting was held on September 1, 2004 and included representatives from BNSF, EMR, Kennedy/Jenks Consultants (KJ), Environcon, Inc. (Envirocon), and Montana Railroad Services, Inc. (MRS). CDM Federal Programs (CDM) provided an asbestos briefing during the pre-construction meeting.

Envirocon will be conducting soil removal and installation of the geotextile and soil cap. MRS, a contractor to Envirocon, will be conducting removal of railroad track and other track material including all steel portions.

EMR and CDM personnel met to discuss sampling procedures and paperwork.

Site representatives contacted property owners adjacent to the north of the Site to inform them of current work operations.

MRS and Envirocon personnel demarcated the exclusion zone (EZ) with fence, rope and signage along the west, east, and northern site boundaries. Orange fencing and signage were placed along the main line track on the southern boundary.

Improvements were made to the equipment decontamination pad that was constructed in 2003. Work began on September 2, 2004 at the east end of railroad tracks three and four.

Ballast was brushed off of the shoulders of the tracks and bolts and spikes were removed starting at the east end. Air samples were collected; however air sample results were not available as of the time of this report.

3 PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED

No problems have been encountered to date.

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR NEXT TWO WEEKS

Rail removal will continue on site along tracks 3 and 4, and will be initiated on tracks 1 and 2. Following removal of rail, Envirocon will begin removal of ties and decontaminate them. Improvements to the truck decontamination pad will be completed. Soil removal is anticipated to begin the week of September 12, 2004.

If you have any questions or require further explanation concerning the above information, please call Tanya Drake of EMR at (763) 277-5200, Chuck Soule of Kennedy/Jenks Consultants at (253) 874-0555, or David Smith of BNSF at (406) 447-2307.

Sincerely,
EMR, Inc.



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